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SUBJECT: PERU ELECTIONS - USG STATEMENT

1. THE FOLLOWING IS A STATEMENT ON PERUVIAN JUNE 18
CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY ELECTION WHICH DEPARTMEN;
ISSUED AT ITS JUNE 21 NOON BRIEFING:

QUOTE: WE ARE PLEASED THAT SUNDAY'S ELECTION IN PERU
ATTRACTED A LARGE VOTER TURNOUT. IN THE FIRST NATIONAL
ELECTION IN PERU IN 15 YEARS, THE VOTERS ELECTED A
CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY THAT WILL MEET BEGINNING NEXT MONTH
TO WRITE A NEW CONSTITUTION. WE UNDERSTAND THAT GENERAL
ELECTIONS WILL THEN BE HELD AND AN ELECTED PRESIDENT
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AND CONGRESS ARE TO TAKE OFFICE BY JULY 1980. ALTHOUGH
WE WERE CONCERNED BY THE PRE-ELECTORAL POLITICAL
RESTRAINTS, WE ARE ENCOURAGED THAT THE GOVERNMENT AND
PEOPLE OF PERU HAVE TAKEN THIS FIRST STEP IN THE RETURN
TO DEMOCRACY DESPITE THE SEVERE ECONOMIC CRISIS NOW
AFFLICTING THE COUNTRY. WE SHALL FOLLOW WITH INTEREST
THE WORK OF THE ASSEMBLY AS IT LAYS THE FOUNDATIONS FOR

ELECTED, REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT. END QUOTE.

2. NO QUESTIONS WERE ASKED ABOUT THE ELECTION AT THE
NOON BRIEFING.

3. UNLESS EMBASSY PERCEIVES OBJECTIONS, DEPARTMENT
SUGGESTS YOU CONTACT APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS AND ASK WHETHER
THEY TOO CONTEMPLATE SAYING SOMETHING ENCOURAGING ABOUT
THESE SUCCESSFUL ELECTIONS. VANCE

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